



STAFF REPORT

Clarification regarding timing of commercial zoning amendment process to allow for cabarets

Honorable Mayor and Council Members

Background and Discussion

At the October 14 Council meeting, Council Member Feierbach raised an “Item 9” titled: “Consideration of amendment to C-2 zoning to allow for cabarets as conditional use.”

Staff indicated this item would likely exceed the 15 hour threshold for “just do it” projects and would therefore impact other Priority Calendar items underway by the Community Development Department. Council voted to proceed with the issue outside of the Priority Calendar process, and staff took this as an indication that it was a high priority and should be accomplished as soon as possible. Staff then provided an update to Council on the implications for other projects, namely that the Design Review issue would be delayed in order to accommodate the cabaret issue.

Council Member Feierbach indicated it might make sense to continue with the Design Review issue first, as it is near completion. This would mean some other Priority Calendar item would need to be delayed. Staff seeks Council direction on how to proceed.

Attachment A is the current Priority Calendar, so Council can get a sense of when various items are scheduled to be back before the Council. The following is a list of all the current Community Development Priority Calendar items underway.

- General Plan Update
- Emmett House Renovations
- Harbor Industrial Area
- Design Review
- Grading Ordinance
- 1365 Fifth Avenue Planning
- Economic Development Strategy

- Planned Development Review
- Secondary Dwelling Units
- Re-zone HRO 3 to Open Space/Agriculture

At the meeting, staff can discuss the status of these issues and the implications depending on how quickly Council wishes to see the cabaret item.

In the future, it is recommended that when Council desires, by way of a majority vote, to take an item out of order of the Priority Calendar, that staff bring back a brief report including a Project Description Form and the implications on other projects. If, after reviewing that report, a super-majority of Council desires to proceed, then the direction and implications will be clear for both Council and staff.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to this report.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Council provide direction on how high a priority the cabaret issue is and which Community Development item should be delayed in order to proceed with it.

Attachments

A. Current Priority Calendar

Respectfully submitted,

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